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MEMORANDUM FOR: DD/NFAC

FROM : Coordinator for Academic Relations

Evan:

I need a decision by you or John regarding two invitations for NFAC speakers before college groups.

25X1A The first is from Professor David Foltz, University of Maine at Presque Isle. A conference on US-Soviet relations is planned at the campus on Presque Isle from 22-24 October. Foltz would like two Agency participants: one on Soviet foreign policy, one on the economy. He knows [redacted] and had asked [redacted] to participate when they met earlier this year. Mel confirmed that he would like to attend the conference and suggested [redacted] as the economist. [redacted] is also willing to participate. Foltz offered to pay transportation for one of our people and will find lodging (and presumably food) at faculty houses for both. Foltz would like early confirmation that the two analysts will be available so that he can prepare the program for the meeting. OK

25X1A The second conference is described in the attached. I've discussed this also with [redacted] and he is willing to go or suggested [redacted] from OGSF, a specialist on Soviet Central Asia. If you decide we should send someone, I would suggest that I contact Professor White to find out if he would be willing to pick up the tab for air travel to and from Honolulu. If you decide we should stay clear of this conference, I'll send White our regrets. OK

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Attachment

*Comments will be personal
and not represent NFAC/CIA
positions - obviously undated*



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Dear Sir:

I am planning a panel dealing with "Soviet Muslims and Their Middle Eastern Neighbors" for the Western Slavic Conference to be held here in Honolulu during March 18-21, 1982. There will be three papers presented, entitled respectively: "The evolution of national identity in Soviet Central Asia," "Economic development and general well being in Soviet Central Asia," and "Soviet Muslims and Soviet interests in the Middle East." 25X1A

My request is that some person from the Agency join the panel discussion as a commentator, a difficult role which I think can best be handled by a person who has the continuous exposure to this vital and complex field that a person in your office would have. After discussing the matter with Mr. [redacted] in the [redacted] office, I am acting on his suggestion of writing to you and inviting you to extend my invitation to some person in this field. While the Western Slavic Conference, like the country-wide conference, is primarily of domestic interest, it is ordinarily attended by Canadians, especially from the Western provinces, while some Russians are expected at this particular conference, and it is, of course, open to any other foreigners who may wish to come. 25X1A

Sincerely yours,


John A. White
Emeritus Professor of History

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